



North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association News

You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood!

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NEXT MEETINGS

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

September 28th

November 16th

January 25th, 2011



Starts at 7 PM -

Riverview Community Bank

800 - D NE Tenney Rd

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I-5 PROJECT BRINGS CHANGING FACE TO SALMON CREEK

Ready or not, here come some major improvements. Some big changes have already begun on 139th Street and the North end of the Fred Meyer's parking lot. You may have also noticed how grading has begun West of Fred Meyer in preparation for the new Park & Ride lot. We are going to see great changes over the next 3-5 years here in Salmon Creek. Would you like to find out how \$133M will affect you? Then don't miss the September 28th NSCNA meeting at Riverview Community Bank!

We have several project specialists coming to give you a preview, outline timelines, and answer your



questions. We hope you can join us for our September neighborhood meeting to learn the details. (continued on page 5)

IF YOU CARE, WE CARE

by: David Devine

The origins of the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association can be traced back to the actions of a few of our neighbors' efforts to ensure that the Fred Meyer retail complex on Tenney Road would compliment rather than clutter our neighborhood. Their efforts helped to ensure the minimal visual impact of this facility while providing local shopping and as a side benefit we got the Library. That's quite an achievement. This kind of activism by a few concerned folks can benefit a wide area and should be much appreciated by us all.

Out of that effort, NSCNA was formed. Since then this grass roots organization has been involved with many of our local children's events as well as other neighborhood get togethers benefiting a number of causes and has lead the fight for new neighborhood parks.

NSCNA has become an organization to which you and your neighbors can turn when a situation arises that may impact a few, many, or all of us. It has also become a central point of contact to get the word out as a 'heads up' or warning of impending action that may be considered detrimental to the livability of the North Salmon Creek area. We pass on good and helpful news as well.

We have been able to bring pressure to bear on government entities as well as individuals to influence

the decision making processes. We are not always successful but we are always ready and eager to help in a worthy cause. Issues such as zoning, new development, parks, neighborhood activity, traffic, noise pollution, property taxes, and others have in the past been addressed by us or been on the agenda of our general meetings.



We want to introduce the many of you who are not familiar with us, to our desire to come to your aid and remind others that we are still the organization that cares deeply about issues that effect the livability of this area.

If you care about an issue of this kind, then we also care and want to get involved. Working together rather than as individual residents, we can have a far greater impact on what happens in our neighborhood. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the NSCNA officers or area directors to give us the opportunity to put the weight of our organization behind you in dealing with your concerns. We have some specific expertise within NSCNA as well as contacts within the community and local government that may, in some cases, smooth the way toward resolution.

If You Care, We Care is more than just a slogan. It is a commitment of NSCNA.

NSCNA Meeting 7 - 8:30 PM on September 28th, 2010

Agenda

- Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Committee Reports

KC Teriyaki will
provide
refreshments



SPEAKER:

* Panel of experts from Clark County planning and traffic departments will discuss the I-5 Interchange project.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR - Resident comments and announcements

Stay and chat a bit,
enjoy the refreshments supplied by our local
KC Teriyaki and door prizes
from **Burgerville** and
Salmon Creek Cleaners.



COMMUNITY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE 5 WORKSHOPS ON AGING

One irrefutable fact; we are all getting older. By 2025, Clark County's population of residents 60 years and older is projected to almost double; 1 in 4 residents will be 60 or older. To prepare, the county is developing an Aging Readiness Plan. The plan will assess the county's readiness to serve as a home for an aging population and identify necessary resources and services not in place at this time. A draft plan is tentatively scheduled to be available for public review in early summer 2011.



To address this concern the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) appointed a 24 member Aging Readiness Task Force. The Task Force will host five workshops to seek public ideas and professional expertise on our community's current situation and future needs in:

2. Transportation and mobility - Thursday, **November 18, 2010, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver**
3. Health care - Thursday, January 20, 2011, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver
4. Supportive services - Thursday, March 17, 2011, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver
5. Civic and social engagement - Thursday, May 19, 2011, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

Reservations are required for all workshops - rsvp@clark.wa.gov or (360) 397-2280 ext. 4958. Take time to register today and join in the discussion on these germane topics. The results of the workshops will help the task force develop an Aging Readiness Plan to prepare Clark County for the aging boom and keep our community livable for residents of all ages.

1. Housing - Thursday, **September 16, 2010, 3-6 p.m. Clark College at Columbia Tech Center, 18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver**

Up coming Events



Sept 28th - 7 pm - NSCNA meeting at Riverview Community Bank

The best place to find current events is our new online calendar. Our new and improved website has it all!!!

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Volunteers don't necessarily
have the time;
they just have the heart.
Elizabeth Andrews

JULY 4th CELEBRATION HUGE SUCCESS

NSCNA teamed up with the Felida Neighborhood Association for the fourth year to celebrate our nation's freedom with a children's parade and neighborhood get together at Felida Park. It was the biggest and best one yet with over 5,000 participants.

The addition of a DJ station this year had young and old dancing on the grass. NSCNA residents **Juan** (sound tech) and **Terri Piedra**

(DJ - pictured right with Mc Donalds Hamburger) donated Migente's DJ equipment and services. The day would not have been the success it was without the generous donations from local merchants and the volunteers! **Steve Smith** and **Darcie Robertson** worked



countless hours securing food, services, and entertainment donations worth over \$5,000!!! Many Thanks to everyone - Great job! **Dawn Anderson, Gavin Balderas, Ali Cook, Tiffini Feliciano, Mardy Guion, Shane Guion, Shealeen Guion, Kylie Hill, Michele McFatridge, Sara Mc Fatridge, Marcy Mee, Avaly Mobbs, Doreen Naughton, Cara Priddy, Fliz Reutz, Kendyl Soom, Julie Syvestri, Tom Walker, Kari Wallingford, Alicia Wallingford, & Ken Wheeler.**

Thanks also to our merchants: Albertsons, Taylor & Sherri Adams, Cash & Carry, Fairlight Bakery, Tiffini Feliciano, Ferrellgas, Foster Farms, Fred Meyer, Migente, Morning Star Balloon Co, Muchas Gracias, Pacific Rental, Riverview Bank, S & I Equipment, Ed Daly, Tammi McCabe, Sysco, Umpqua Bank, Western Boxed Meats. and Wayside Market.



The North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association (NSCNA) lay dormant for many years following the construction of Fred Meyer's and the Three Creeks Library; the project that drove the inception of NSCNA. In 2005 the Clark County Office of Neighborhoods scheduled a meeting to let residents know that our Chinook neighborhood park was scheduled to start construction and the Parks & Rec department needed community liaisons to work with. Did we want to reinvigorate the NSCNA or merge with a neighboring NA to represent us? We hope the answer is already clear to you as here we are.

We were so excited about the park but after the first meeting with Parks & Rec there was nothing but silence. Finally we learned that the project had stalled because the designated property was almost completely wetland and habitat restricted. There was less than a half acre available to develop into a park and the small developable areas were not even contiguous!

The years between then and now have been filled with a multitude of meetings initiated by your NSCNA board with the Parks and Recreation Directors, County Commissioners, The Parks Advisory Board, Clark County Public Works, just about anyone we thought could help resolve the problem. At times it felt like a fruitless fight. But we stayed the course.

With literally millions paid into PIF and REET (the funding sources for park development) by

FINALLY - A PARK FOR THE NSCNA

residents of the NSCNA we felt it only fair to have a park somewhere within our borders. And now, folks, we will. **Chinook Neighborhood Park, the park that almost wasn't, is now back on track.** A two acre plot of land adjacent to the existing property has been purchased and we are about to begin the development process! YEA !!

The first step will be a meeting with the Parks & Rec team responsible for development - that will be at our November 16th meeting. Be sure to mark your calendars now as this is when the public input will begin so you won't want to miss it. A full timeline will be provided along with information on amenities.



NSCNA resident volunteers **Ken Wheeler** and **Fliz Reutz** help at information booth at the July 4th Children's Celebration at Felida Park



SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

The NSCNA welcomes **KC Teriyaki** to the growing list of local merchant supporters. Refreshments at the September meeting will be compliments of this local establishment.

KC Teriyaki, located at 800 NE Tenney Road in Building B207, only opened last March so maybe you haven't discovered it yet. If you haven't it's well worth checking out. It has a family-friendly atmosphere that blends fast-food-style ordering with table delivery and reasonable prices.



Owner **Michael Choe** chose Salmon Creek for his restaurant because in looking at many locations he thought we had a great neighborhood but it seemed sadly lacking in restaurant selections. He felt it definitely needed a teriyaki restaurant! I think many residents would agree with him and are happy he chose to locate here.

Mr. Choe hired the best cook he knew, his brother **Sung Choi** who is also an NSCNA resident. We think you will enjoy sampling his recipes at the September meeting.

Free Leaf Disposal

For Vancouver and Clark County residents only

With this coupon

October 1 - December 20, 2010



Sponsored by:



Prevent street flooding - Don't place leaves in the street.

Instead, use this coupon for free leaf disposal at:

- **H & H Wood Recyclers**, 8401 NE 117th Ave., 360-892-2805
8 am-5 pm Monday - Saturday; 9 am-4 pm Sunday (closed Thanksgiving Day)
- **West Van Materials Recovery Center**, 6601 NW Old Lower River Road, 360-737-1727
6 am-6 pm Monday - Friday; 8 am-4 pm Saturday (closed Sunday and Thanksgiving Day)

This coupon must be presented at the drop-off site and is for leaves only. Yard debris or mixed loads will be charged at the regular price. Leaves must be emptied from plastic bags.

Please complete the following information:

My street address _____ Zip Code _____

City of Vancouver residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided through your garbage rates.

7th Annual Harvest Fun Day Event Relocates to 78th Street Heritage Farm

The Clark County Historical Museum is partnering with Clark County and WSU Extension to host the museum's Seventh Annual Harvest Fun Day at the 78th Street



Heritage Farm site. This free family oriented event promises a full day of activities, contests and displays to celebrate Clark County's rural heritage. Formerly located in downtown Vancouver, the event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 25, between 10 am and 4 pm**, on the grounds of the farm site located at **1919 NE 78th Street**, about half a mile east of Highway 99.

Displays and demonstrations include antique farm equipment, rope making and corn grinding with members of the Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Association, a blacksmith and his working forge, working draft horses, and small animals displays by Clark County 4-H. A number of Hands-on activities will be provided including pumpkin decorating, button-making with Dorothy Krugner of The Button Jar, and the ever popular scarecrow-making, with all materials provided free courtesy of Bi-Zi Farms and Spanky's Family Consignment Shop. Legacy High School students will offer face painting.



Pie-eating contests will begin at 11:30, followed by corn-shucking

contests at 1:30 pm. Both contests are split into three age groups and require pre-registration. "These are popular competitions," said CCHM Director Susan Tissot "and we advise folks to sign up before the Saturday event, as there are always waiting lists the day of the event." Age brackets are 4-8, 9-15, and 16 and up. Register by contacting the Museum at 360-993-5679 or cchm@pacifier.com, and "Please leave a phone number so we can confirm registration," added Tissot.

Vancouver Pizza will sell pizza throughout the day, donating part of the proceeds to the Museum. Live music will be provided including a morning appearance by the Vancouver Community Band.

This event is made possible through generous support from the Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Association, Bi-Zi Farms, Spanky's Family Consignment Shop, Vancouver Farmers Market, Clark PUD, Dulin's Village Café, Waste Connections, Air & Water Works, Kazoodles, and Sunrise Bagels.

To volunteer to help at this event, contact CCHM Visitor Services Coordinator, Karen Washabaugh at 360-993-5679.

MOMS CLUB ADDS NEW PLAYGROUP

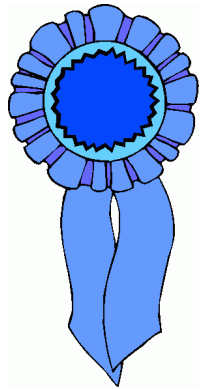
by: Samantha Guse



The MOMS Club of Vancouver-Northwest is gearing up for our winter season. We have added a mommy playgroup known as Tiara Tuesdays for the "empty nesters" - those moms who have children in school and want to spend time relaxing with other moms. For the moms who still have babies and young children at home, our Playgroup Fair is on its way! This is a chance to create or sign up for a playgroup that meets your and your child's need for weekly social interaction. It's a way to build meaningful friendships with other moms and kids in your area.

This fall, winter, and spring will be filled with many more fun activities as well as opportunities to fundraise and give back to our community. If you are a stay-at-home mom in Ridgefield, North Hazel Dell, Salmon Creek, or Pleasant Valley, contact us at momsclubvancouvernw@gmail.com to join the fun!

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AFFECTS FUTURE OF PARKS & REC



The elected officials from [Clark County](#) and the cities of [Vancouver](#), [Battle Ground](#), [Camas](#), [Ridgefield](#) and [Washougal](#) recently established a blue ribbon commission to look at the future of parks and recreation funding and operations in Clark County. Each jurisdiction appointed two representatives to serve on the commission, which will meet monthly through February 2011.

The commission has 12 representatives from Clark County and the cities of Vancouver, Battle Ground, Camas, Washougal, and Ridgefield. **Our representatives are Florence Wager and Vern Veysey.** The commission can be reached by e-mail at blueribbon@clark.wa.gov and by phone at 619-1144.

The Blue Ribbon Commission's objective is to review the current operational and funding challenges and opportunities in each jurisdiction and to make specific recommendations to the participating local elected officials concerning:

- Opportunities for greater collaboration in providing local and regional parks, trails, open space and recreation programs.
- How to better pay for, manage, operate and govern local and regional parks, trails, open space and recreation programs.
- How to establish stable and sustainable funding for these programs.

"The bottom line is this: We can no longer afford to do things the way they've been done in the past." – Pete Mayer, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Director

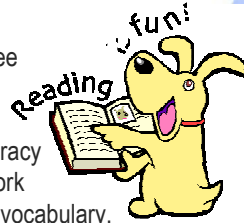
Get involved!

The commission's recommendations will reflect the interests, values and needs of the citizens of each participating jurisdiction. **But only if you raise your voice!** There will be several opportunities for the public to provide input into this process. In addition, all of the commission meetings are open to the public and include public comment periods.

Please visit the blue ribbon commission's Web page www.cityofvancouver.us/blueribbon. Take a few minutes to fill out a short online survey; it's one way to have your voice heard that doesn't take much time or require you to go anywhere! You can also sign up for the commission's email distribution list to receive updates and invitations to participate in public

Library News

Did you know that by attending storytime at the Three Creeks Regional Library, you're getting much more than just a fun activity? Storytime is a wonderful way for your child to acquire the six early literacy skills researchers identify as laying important groundwork for learning to read. The six skills are print motivation, vocabulary, phonological awareness, letter knowledge, print awareness, and narrative skills.



Print Motivation - Print motivation is the enjoyment of reading and books. Encourage print motivation by keeping reading time fun – have your child participate in the story and read books on subjects of interest to him/her. If your child isn't enjoying it, take a break.

Vocabulary - Vocabulary is knowing the names of things, concepts, and feelings. Practice vocabulary with your child by naming the things you see during your day, asking him to point out shapes in the books you're reading together, and spending time just talking and reading with your child. He'll learn a lot of words just by hearing you speak!

Phonological Awareness - Phonological awareness is being able to hear smaller sounds in bigger words and being able to manipulate those sounds. This will make it easier to sound out words when your child is learning to read. Encourage phonological awareness by playing word games with your child, singing rhyming songs, and reciting nursery rhymes and poems.

Letter Knowledge - Letter knowledge is just what you'd guess – knowing letters! It also includes knowing what sounds the letters make and that letters are different from each other. Learning letters doesn't have to be a trial. Point out letters in books, on street signs, look for things that have the shape of a certain letter, or make letter shapes out of clay.

Print Awareness - Print awareness is knowing how to hold and manipulate a book, knowing that we read from left to right and top to bottom, and knowing that words and print are all around us. Encourage print awareness by pointing out words on signs, reading books where writing is part of the story, or running your finger along the words as you read.

Narrative Skills - Narrative skills include being able to tell or retell a story, recount events, and give descriptions. Encourage narrative skills by having your child say repeated phrases with you as you read a book or do a motion for certain words or phrases in the story (arms out for "the great big bear", for example). Also, ask your child questions about the book you're reading. For example, ask "What kind of animal is this? What is this truck doing? What do you think will happen next?"



FALL STORYTIMES AT THREE CREEKS

September 14 - December 18th 2010

Babies (birth - 24 months)

Prewalkers: Fridays @ 9:30 a.m.
Waddlers: Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.
All babies: Fridays @ 2:00 p.m.

Toddlers (18 months - 3 years)

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers (3-6 years)

Tuesdays @ 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.

No storytime on Thursday Nov 11th or Thursday Nov 25th



Volunteer **Mardy Guion** serves up snow cones from the NSCNA booth during the July 4th Children's Celebration at Felida Park.

INTERCHANGE PROJECT (continued from page 1)

Construction started in early August on the first piece of the Salmon Creek Interchange Project. Coffman Excavation of Oregon City, Ore., working under a \$1.2 million Clark County contract, is grading the site for a future Park & Ride lot immediately east of the Fred Meyer store. This work must be done during dry weather. Work largely will be confined to the construction site, so there should be little or no traffic disruption, aside from vehicles entering and exiting the site. Nearby properties could hear some noise and experience modest vibration and dust.

The Park & Ride grading, which also includes installing underground utilities and building a retaining wall, is a modest start to a huge project that will increase mobility, improve safety and create jobs in a rapidly growing but highly congested area near Washington State University Vancouver.

The overall project includes rebuilding the NE 134th Street interchange on Interstate 5 and extending NE 139th Street east toward Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center to provide a second east-west route.

Construction should give a needed boost to the local economy. Earlier this year, WSDOT estimated that construction alone would support approximately 600 jobs, including direct construction jobs, indirect jobs with suppliers and induced jobs at stores, restaurants and other sectors of the local economy. That estimate doesn't include hundreds, if not thousands, of permanent jobs the private sector could create.

Clark County will build road improvements on both sides of the interchange and relocate the existing Salmon Creek Park & Ride. Those road improvements are slated to begin in spring 2011.

Work on WSDOT's piece – rebuilding the interchange and extending NE 139th Street east across two freeways – should get under way in late summer of 2011. Construction on the overall project is expected to continue until late 2013 or early 2014.

For more information on the Salmon Creek Interchange Project: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/ne134thi205.

Salmon Creek Farmers' Market a SUCCESS!

by: Ann Foster



The Salmon Creek Farmers' Market opened its first season Thursday, July 15, to the enjoyment of the Community of Salmon Creek, the market's organizers and the market's Vendors.

The mission of the farmers' market is to bring the best our local region has to offer in fresh, wholesome, locally-grown and locally-made food to the Salmon Creek neighborhoods.

The market remains open Thursdays, through September 30, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. To learn about the market and its features on a weekly basis, go to www.salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com. Our Facebook page, Salmon Creek Farmers' Market, also provides weekly updates. Those of us who have worked on organizing the farmers' market in Salmon Creek over the last year and a half are tremendously grateful to all of you for the supportive energy and positive response to this effort.

- **YOU** are the ones who have supported 30 small businesses in our local area by regularly buying their products at the farmers' market;
- **YOU** have shown appreciation for locally made and produced products;
- **YOU** have helped to establish these small businesses in this Community during difficult times;
- **YOU** have shown appreciation by continuing to be there, give feedback, smile and shake hands with all of us who have organized and who sell at the Salmon Creek Farmers' Market

Thanks to the organizing team: **Ann Foster, Bobbie Redington, Becky Gyes, Chris Bennett** ('tude Graphics), **Anna Petruolo, Steve Foster, Kate Griffith, Jill Sughrue, and Brad Vos.**



And special thanks to the work of Volunteers without whom we couldn't have made this a success. This team not only directed traffic, put up signs and took them down again, interviewed customers, but did a tremendous job of making life easier for the Vendors. The Vendors loved their Volunteer helpers.

A CALL FOR CANDIDATES

PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR A POSITION

November is our annual meeting - time to elect your 2011 NSCNA board. Which means now is the time to start looking for candidates. **We hope that you will consider running for one of the positions described below:** Officer duties are defined in our bylaws. The list below identifies some specific tasks beyond the "generic description" found in the bylaws.

PRESIDENT

Act as the primary executive officer, preside over all deliberations and activities of the NSCNA general membership, board, and advisory committees. Official spokesperson. Primary liaison to Clark County staff and member of Neighborhood Council of Clark County. Facilitate open communications. This position schedules speakers, creates and/or supports document creation (agendas, by-laws, action plan etc.), the newsletter and website.

VICE PRESIDENT

Assist the President in all duties (see above) and perform the functions of the President in his/her absence.



SECRETARY

This position is responsible for keeping a permanent file of all NSCNA's general and executive meetings. Maintains the email list for notification of members of meetings and other county events. Coordinates notice of meetings with newspapers. May also write thank you notes for contributors, speakers or other general communications.

TREASURER

This position writes checks for authorized expenses and make deposits as directed by the NSCNA board. Document and update financial records, transactions, match revenues and costs for general and project-specific accounts or line items, and track account/fund balances. Prepare and provide quarterly and annual financial reports. Report to the NSCNA board, membership, advisory committee, and independent auditing agencies as necessary. Important work but it's not as difficult as it sounds - we have only had about 5 transactions in 2010.

DIRECTOR

Directors represent a specific geographic area of the NSCNA so they can be familiar with issues that affect their district. These positions have a two year term with half the positions expiring each year. This being an even number year means Directors from districts 2, 4, and 6 (see district map at WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM for boundaries) terms will expire this year. Directors are the key liaison to their district and may become involved in zoning issues and coordination of newsletter delivery in their area.

Sometimes individuals are hesitant to volunteer believing that they are unqualified or that it will take a huge chunk of time out of their lives. In most instances It takes zero experience, simply a desire to support / improve the livability of our neighborhood.

We don't pressure; but it does take some time; like school, these positions, to be successful, require more than just showing up. It is worth it when you see what a difference you can make in our community.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING. Contact us at

NSCNA@salmoncreeklive.com or call an officer today (see pg 1 for officers' phone numbers).

YOU ARE INVITED 10th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND SAFETY FAIR

Join us at the tenth annual Open House and Safety Fair on Saturday, September 18th. Fun starts at noon and lasts until 4 pm at the Public Safety Complex - 505 NW 179th Street (located by the Fairgrounds).

This Complex houses the Clark County Sheriff's Office West Precinct, the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office and a volunteer fire station shared by Fire Districts 6, 11, & 12. You can enjoy free face painting, child ID and fingerprinting, a bounce house, the Jr. Firefighter challenge while you nibble on hot dogs, chips, pop, and popcorn throughout the day.

Demonstrations

12:30 Auto Extrication
1:00 Life Flight arrives
1:30 K-9 Demo
2:00 Auto Extrication
2:30 K-9 Demo
3:00 Fire Extinguisher Demo.



Be sure to stop by the NSCNA table to chat with your executive board members. It's a chance to share some of your ideas with us, ask questions, make suggestions or just share a friendly "Hi - how are ya!"

If you need auxiliary aids or services in order to attend, contact the ADA Office. Voice (360) 397-2000; Relay (800) 833-6384; Email ADA@clark.wa.gov



NEWS in the NSCNA

Four Superintendent's Patron Tours Scheduled in the 2010-11 school year

2010: October 15 - December 3 -
2011: February 11 - April 15

Join Superintendent Steve Webb as he showcases the dynamic learning opportunities that are available to our 22,800 students. Patron tours are the best way to find out what's new in your school district. Highlights will include technology and innovation pilots, language immersion programs, professional learning communities, early childhood education partnerships, family-community resource centers, plans for a Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) magnet school, and much more.

Tours begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. They feature a delicious luncheon prepared by students in the district's award-winning culinary arts program.

Everyone is welcome, so invite your co-workers, friends, neighbors, and family members. To register for a tour, please contact Sue Knable at 313-4720 or susan.knable@vansd.org. Space is limited, so sign up today.

CHINOOK PTSA MEETINGS

PTSA board meetings are held the First Friday of every month 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

BOXTOPS EARN \$\$\$ FOR SCHOOLS

Box Tops from hundreds of participating General Mills products can generate *Free Money* for Chinook and Salmon Creek Elementary Schools.

You can help just by shopping for groceries, items you likely would buy anyway. Box Tops are worth 10¢ each. Save your Box Tops and have your child drop them in the collection box at school. If you don't have school aged children you can still participate; just collect the Box Tops and drop them off at your local school office - doesn't cost you a thing and the schools are most appreciative!!!



PAYBACK BOOKS EARN \$\$\$ FOR SCHOOLS

Payback books will be on sale by the 13th in the office - or email paybackbooks@chinookpta.com for more information. The Payback book is full of discounts in the Vancouver area on fine dining, casual and fast food, shopping, movies, local attractions and lodging (Unlike the Entertainment books, which mostly feature Portland area discounts).

Payback Books sell for only \$20 -



and \$10 from each book benefits the school! Here's how you can help: 1. Buy a book for family or friends when you order yours - they make great gifts! 2. Ask friends and co-workers if they want a book. THANK YOU for your support!

Neighbors for Clean Water Offer Solutions to Dog Poo Dilemma



In case you haven't already heard about it, Neighbors for Clean Water provides free tools and resources to neighbors who want to reduce the amount of pet waste left on the ground in

their communities. It was created in response to a high number of requests for signs, educational materials and "ways to talk to my neighbor about picking up after his dog."

Scooping - It's a great way to protect the quality of our water resources in Clark County. The bacteria in pet waste poses a hazard to aquatic ecosystems, wildlife, other pets and even ourselves. Many of the

waterways in Clark County are already above recommended EPA levels for fecal coli form. Here are a few examples of the wide range of tools, resources, materials, and advice Clark County Environmental Services have to offer you to help reduce the amount of un-scooped poo in your area:

- Large "Please Scoop" signs to post around your neighborhood or apartment building
- Small lawn signs and stickers for your trash cans
- Handouts with information about the benefits of picking up, and tips to help you bring up the sensitive subject with neighbors
- Presentations by a representative from Environmental Services, includes suggestions on starting a mini campaign in your area

- "Clean up kit" tools, like the Port-a-Poo bag holder, bag dispensers, and scoops

To find out more about this program please visit www.cleanwaterdogs.com and click on the "Neighbors for Clean Water" button.

If you have questions or would like to request materials contact Cindy Stienbarger 397-2121 X4585 or email her at cindy.stienbarger@clark.wa.gov.



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5th ANNUAL NSCNA HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Get your neighborhood psyched for a little competition!



Participate in the fifth annual "Best in the NSCNA" Halloween House Decorating Contest. All entries are judged on originality, creativity, and use of the

"Halloween" theme. Special lighting, musical effects and live actors are encouraged. Remember that small details like lighting pumpkins and playing spooky music will make the experience for everyone more spooktacular!

Winners will receive bragging rights and a "Best In the NSCNA" award. Enter yourself, your neighbor or that house that catches your eye with a ghoulish graveyard.

Nomination should include the name, address and phone number for the participant then either call **Dan Bodell** at 909-5256 or any

officer (see page 1 for phone numbers), or email the information to:

NSCNA@salmoncreeklive.com or mail to:

NSCNA
15300 NW 21st Ave
Vancouver, WA 98685

RULES:

- House must be within the NSCNA boundaries. (S=Salmon Creek, N=164th Street, E= I-5, W=NW 41st Ave)
- Entry must be received by midnight Wednesday, October 27th.

Judging will take place the evening of Saturday October 30th - Winners will be announced at our Nov meeting. **VOLUNTEER TO BE A JUDGE it's great fun!** Call Dan at 909-5256 or email your contact information to: NSCNA@salmoncreeklive.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NSCNA Meeting
Tuesday
September 28th, 2010
7:00 PM

Riverview Community Bank
800-D NE Tenney Road,
Vancouver, WA 98685

- November 16th, 2010*
- January 25th, 2011
- March 22nd, 2011

***Nov Meeting will be 1 week EARLY because of Thanksgiving Holiday**